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Seer Green and Jordans Parish Magazine

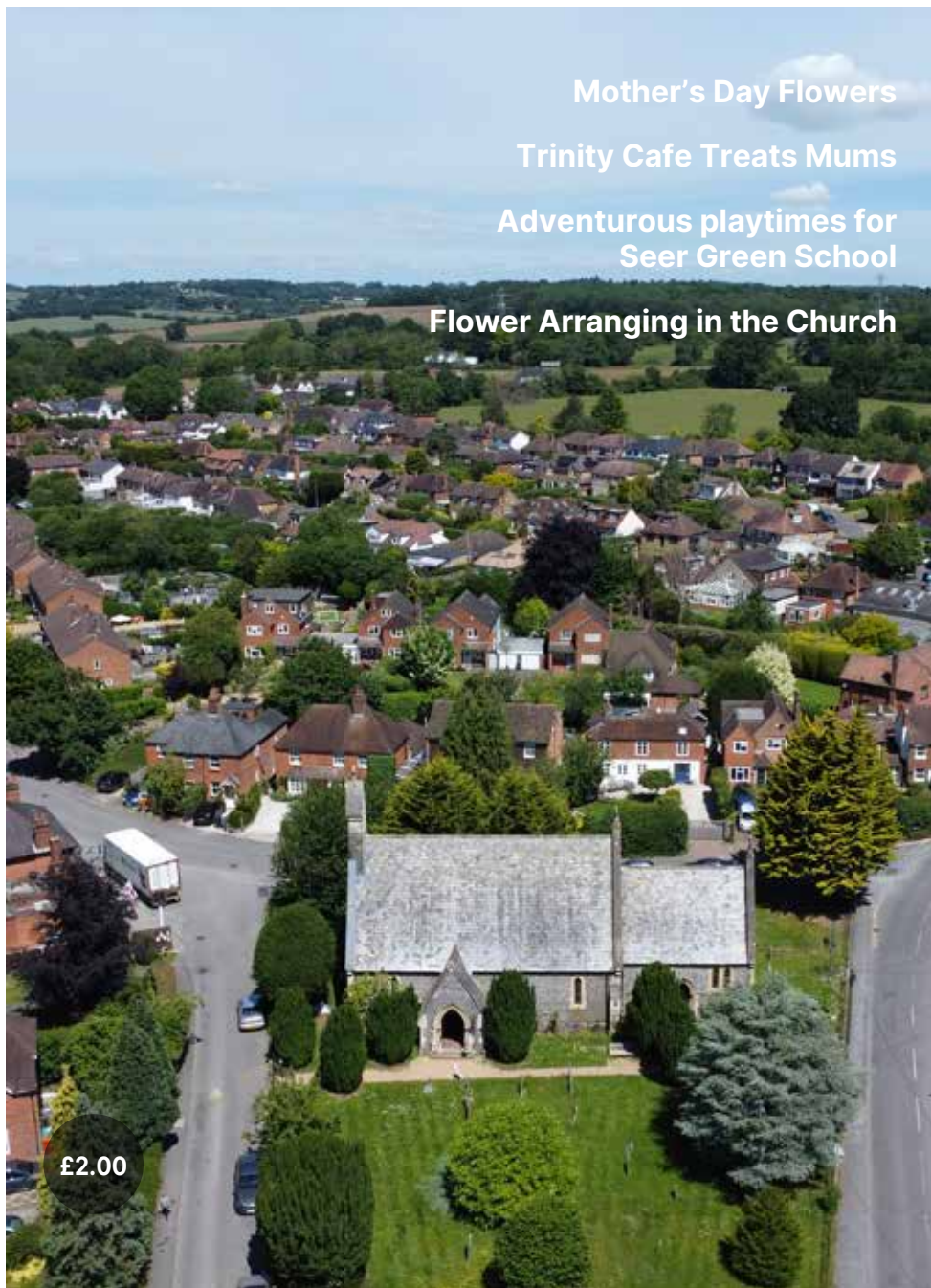
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Seer Green School

Flower Arranging in the Church



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Thought for the Month

I remember being singularly unimpressed the first time I saw (or thought I saw) the Rwenzori mountains, on the Uganda-DRC border. The photographs depicted seriously high peaks, but as we approached, they seemed barely bigger than the Chilterns (no offence!). When I expressed my disappointment, I was told, "those are foothills. Look above the clouds!" And sure enough, higher than I could have imagined, dimmed by the western Ugandan haze, was a whole 'another horizon.

At Holy Trinity, we're in a season exploring the Psalms: a book of hymns and poems in the Bible.



In them, the ancient People of God chew over how we hold onto God amid the chaos, and even hopelessness, we often experience in daily life. I've found myself reflecting on this idea of horizons: how we lift our eyes to the story of God, a horizon that's so high it can get forgotten. That's often what the Psalms are trying to help us with.

Even in 'earthly' terms, horizons are a battle. The messaging around us often draws our eyes to the foothills of desire, while we're battling to focus instead on further horizons, such as health and wellbeing. The challenge of faith is, in some ways, to lift our gaze again, to a more distant horizon still.

This is one way to think about Lent, the Christian season we're currently in: it is a season in which we take note of - and turn from - the foothills of our indiscipline, and try and develop habits that lift our eyes to the horizon of Easter: to restored relationship with God, to victory over sin and death, to 'sadness becoming untrue', all of which Christ invites us into through his victory at the cross. These are the towering peaks on which Lent invites us to settle our gaze.

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From the Editors

*It was one of those March days
when the sun shines hot and the
wind blows cold: when it is summer
in the light, and winter in the shade.”
- Charles Dickens*

With longer days and warming of
the soil we welcome the start of

Spring and an increase in activities
outside as well as inside. We're
very fortunate to have such a busy
community and committed people
who make this happen. Read what's
on this month in our March edition.

The Editors

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **April** issue to:
editorseergreen@gmail.com by **7 March 2026**. Diary dates for the next
two or three months would be very welcome.

Articles should be **300 words max** and in WORD (.doc or .docx format) and
photos should be jpeg format, preferably 300 dpi.

Please note any items submitted may be edited for space, content
or style.

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Holy Trinity Services in March

1 Mar	8am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
	10am	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Families @3.30
4 Mar	10.30am	Midweek Communion
8 Mar	10am	Soul Space
15 Mar	8am	Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
	10am	Holy Communion – Mothering Sunday
22 Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion
29 Mar	10am	Morning Praise – Palm Sunday
Charity for March and April – Cure Parkinson's		



Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Baptisms in February

Maisie Aurora Skye Nimmo

Elodie Joy Howarth

Funeral in January

Christine McDougall-Wood



What's on at Trinity Café in March

The year is already moving quickly! It has been lovely seeing familiar faces alongside new ones. Last month, the café celebrated a big milestone - selling our 5,000th coffee and 3,000th slice of cake! Tom and Linda were the lucky winners and received vouchers for free coffees and cakes at Trinity Café. Thank you to everyone who has helped us reach this point. We look forward to celebrating more milestones in the future! Be sure to keep an eye out for further competitions and chances to win as we continue serving plenty of coffee and cake.

Trinity Café was also very busy during the school's February half-term, hosting a variety of activities and fun games throughout the week. It was wonderful to see so many families joining us - thank you to everyone who came along. We will be running more activities over the Easter break, so please look out for upcoming details. There will also be Easter competitions in the café, with chances to win prizes.

Looking ahead to March, Mother's Day is just around the corner. Trinity Café will be celebrating by offering mums a free coffee on us. Why not bring your mum along and treat her on Saturday 14th March? We will be serving local pastries alongside a selection of delicious cakes made by Yo.

Lastly, Trinity Café is always looking for volunteers. Would you like to join our friendly team helping to run the village community café? The role includes offering a warm welcome to customers, assisting with the day-to-day running of the café, and provides a great opportunity to meet people. If you are interested in getting involved, please pop into the café and speak to one of the team.

Grace Gilbertson



March Charity of the Month



I have held my flower stall on the Green for many years and this year all profits will go towards Cure Parkinson's, the charity that has been chosen as Holy Trinity's charity of the months, March and April 2026. As well as raising as much money as possible for the charity, at the stall, one of our daughters, Eloise is running the London Marathon for the first time this April and she hopes to raise lots more.

April is a popular month for the charity. **April 11** is Dr Parkinson's birthday and has been designated World Parkinson's Day and is 'celebrated' around the world to raise awareness of the condition and encourage and acknowledge the considerable research that continues across the globe. Sadly, there is still much to do. I was 38 years old when I was diagnosed with Young Onset

Parkinson's and as a family, we have continued to raise money and act as advocates for the charity and the disease itself.

Parkinson's is one of the fastest growing neurological conditions in the world. While a range of medications can help manage the underlying symptoms of Parkinson's, currently none of these slow, stop or reverse the progression of the condition.

Cure Parkinson's is committed to discovering new treatments that change the way the disease progresses, transforming the lives of everyone with Parkinson's. In the UK today, someone is diagnosed with Parkinson's every 20 minutes, and around 166,000 people are living with the condition.

Please support the flower stall, sponsor Eloise or donate through the church giving envelopes. You can be assured that all money raised will support the people living with the condition, their families and the medical experts who continue to research to find a cure.

Thank you

Rachel Gibson



Rachel's Pop Up Flower Stall is back for Mother's Day!

In aid of Cure Parkinson's, supporting Eloise's London Marathon fundraising

**Saturday
14th March**

08:30 - 13:00

The Green, outside the
shops in Seer Green

Bouquets, fresh flowers & spring bulb planters

Don't be disappointed, order in
advance to ensure availability



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Instagram:
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Holy Trinity News

March at Holy Trinity is focussed on Lent, one of the oldest parts of the Christian calendar - older even than Christmas. Lent is a 40 day period of prayer, fasting and generosity, leading up to Easter. We think of it as a sombre time, but it needn't always be. Fasting is strangely celebratory; it is about saying to God, "You are more satisfying than these things."

At the end of March we have Palm Sunday (29th), where we remember Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem on a donkey - an act that is intriguingly both boldly

subversive and beautifully humble. We're planning to do something fun with the service, which won't involve processing round the village reenacting the story! (maybe I'm alone in finding those experiences a little forced...?). Come along!

Otherwise, March is relatively quiet, as we prepare for all that will happen over the Easter weekend - more of that next month!

Jez Carr

Remember a Loved One This Spring with a Sunset Rose

This spring, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has partnered with the magnificent Waddesdon Manor to create a beautiful new Forever Flowers tribute. In April, the Rose Garden at Waddesdon Manor near Aylesbury will be transformed by a stunning temporary display of 1,200 bespoke metal Sunset Roses, each symbolising the life, love and memories of someone special.



To dedicate a Sunset Rose, visit <https://fnhospice.org.uk/foreverflowers> or call 01296 429975 for more information.

Donations to Holy Trinity

If you would like to donate to the work and upkeep of Holy Trinity Church there are many quick and easy ways to do so -

Go to our website: seergreenandjordanscofe.org and scroll down the homepage to 'Online Giving' and follow the link.

Or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/4hx7cyzx>

Or you can activate our Online Giving page by using the QR code opposite.

Donations in cash/cheque may be delivered to our treasurer at 58 Chalfont Road.

If you can Gift Aid your donation, please add your name and address.

If you would like to join our planned giving scheme, please speak to our treasurer Audrey Hardy on 07342 652707 or chardyseergreen@aol.com



The flowers at Holy Trinity

I love going into the church and seeing it beautifully decorated with flowers, it looks so loved and cared for. The person who has organised this for the last 23 years is Pam Britton.



She organises the rota of flower arrangers, buys flowers for big church celebrations, encourages people new to church flower arranging and does flowers for weddings and funerals too.

Pam is standing down and we would like to thank her for her inspiration and hard work.

Very luckily Helen Lindsey-Clark, who contributes those delicious recipes to Community News, is going to take over.

Thank you, Pam, and thank you Helen.

Sue Puttergill

The Great Seer Green

EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Saturday 4th April 2026

Join in with our Easter Egg Hunt any time between **10am - 3pm.**
(It takes approx 1 - 1.5 hours)

Pick up your instruction sheet from SG Baptist Church and have fun around the village following the clues, finding eggs, answering questions and spotting the cheeky chicks.

No set charge but donations appreciated.

For further details contact Janna Holder
07764 490960 / jannaruthholder@gmail.com
This event is sponsored and supported by
SG Baptist Church & Holy Trinity Church

SGKIDS

Gardening for Wildlife - a connectivity plan

Nationally, gardens total 23 million covering an area of around 433,000 hectares. This is bigger than Exmoor, Dartmoor and the Lake District National Parks and Norfolk Broads put together! Imagine if everybody in the UK made a few small changes in their garden to help our British wildlife? We could create a patchwork of habitats from Hodgemoor Woods to Crutches Woods and beyond - increasing safe spaces for wildlife to survive and thrive.

A new initiative from Jordans Biodiversity Group and Jordans Horticultural Society is being set up to support exactly this. Expect knowledge sharing events, expert demonstrations, seed swaps and more!

Please come to our launch on Sat **21 March** at 3pm in Jordans Village Hall - with top tips and freebies for gardening with wildlife in mind!

If every gardener could make just a few changes in their own space, collaborate with a neighbour to create green corridors, or work collectively to make our villages green hubs, we will make a massive difference to nature.

Jordans Biodiversity Group and Jordans Horticultural Group
jordansbiodiversity@gmail.com



A stick in a water pot means invertebrates can drink, and get out if they topple in. (Photo: Emma Pegram)

Coffee Shop

A meeting place for the community

Monday Mornings
10.30am to 12.00noon
Seer Green Baptist Church



Our Living Village: What's new?

The intention for this project was to create and maintain a website of 'living' documents, adding new material as resources permitted, with updates in response to research and feedback. If you have not visited www.ourlivingvillage.org recently, take a look to see what's new. Some of this has been in preparation for a while, with recent additions including:

Myths and Legends – challenging some of what you think you know about our two villages! New research undertaken for the project has helped reveal the facts, half-truths and falsehoods behind some of the myths passed on as 'received wisdom.' If there is something you are not sure about, or do not quite believe (e.g. Did the Black Prince really have a hunting lodge in Seer Green?), take a look here!

Lessons Learned – a detailed report for anyone curious to know about how the project was undertaken. This also includes ideas on what else could be done, as well as some of our hard learnt lessons.

Awards and Recognition – regular readers might recall the project was awarded the biennial Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society award, in recognition of its contribution to community heritage, so we have now included the award being presented.

The project proudly sits alongside other prestigious winners, which include Milton Keynes Museum, Buckinghamshire's former County Archaeologist, and Buckinghamshire's Local Heritage List.

The project has other themes still being progressed, as well as ideas that need researching. There is also scope for you to contribute any new and original ideas, so get in touch if you would like to help, or to provide comment or feedback.

Also, keep a look out for announcements about the popular Hodgemoor Woods walks which we will be running again later this year.

Nigel Rothwell - ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com



Edward the Black Prince (©The British Library Board)

Seer Green Gardeners - garden jobs for March



- If it's a while since you last serviced your secateurs, use fine wire wool and WD40 to give them a really good clean, and if the blade feels blunt, use a suitable sharpening tool. You can buy inexpensive kits, or use a small whetstone, running it along the beveled side only in one direction. Look on YouTube for tips to avoid risk of damaging the blade. Honestly, this is really worth the effort!
- The reason for that advice is that early March is the last call for rose pruning. Make cuts no more than 5mm (¼ in) above a bud, sloping downwards away from it, so that water does not collect on the bud.
- Finish planning your flower and veg crops and make a start with sowing indoors on windowsills or in the greenhouse. This saves ££s in plant buying.. www.dtbrownseeds.co.uk is a great source of inspiration and advice.
- Broad beans, parsnips, early peas, 'first early' potatoes, onion and shallot sets can all be planted outdoors in early March. Take care to follow instructions on spacing, particularly for potatoes and onions etc. Yaldens at Three Households is a convenient place to buy these.
- Plant new shrubs and climbers, and possibly consider a Brown Turkey Fig - these perform well in large pots or open ground in sheltered south facing places.
- Join in our annual Spud in a Bucket challenge - collect your free seed potato from Trinity Cafe, Thursday **26** - Saturday **28 March**.

A great night was had by all at our annual quiz last month. For our next event on Tuesday **24 March**, 7pm for 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall, we are looking forward to the first of our expert gardening talks this year, welcoming back Timothy Walker, with his talk titled "Spring in the Garden - what to grow for a great spring display". Pay bar before the talk. Tickets cost £6, bookable at www.seergreengardeners.org

Everyone welcome at our AGM on Friday **13 March** at 2.30pm in Trinity cafe. Come and find out what we'll be doing this year.

Sally Ash and Jill Moody

Seer Green Comedy Night



This year's Seer Green Comedy Night was once again a huge success. Comedians Paul Sinha, LJ DA FUNK and Bob Mills took to the stage in Jubilee Hall on Friday 6 February, raising over £5,000 in funds for Seer Green Pre-School, which is a not-for-profit organisation and a lifeline for local families. The event sold out in less than 24 hours and is fast becoming an institution on the Seer Green social calendar - as is MC Nina Benjamin, who once again charmed the audience with her big-hearted (and at times, quite frankly, filthy) humour. The organisers would like to say a big thank you to local law firm B P Collins for sponsoring the event and also to everyone who came along on the night, especially all the volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make everything run smoothly. Watch this space for next year's line-up!

Rebecca Davies

From the Allotments

March has arrived, and with it that unmistakable sense that the natural world is springing into life. From my window here on Bottom Lane, Seer Green, the signs are everywhere if you pause long enough to notice them. Overhead, red kites are beginning their courtship displays, circling together on rising air, their forked tails twisting as they call to one another. Across the fields opposite, muntjac deer are becoming more visible, stepping cautiously from cover as fresh growth tempts them out. Even the lawn is sending its own message before long, it will be asking for its first cut of the year.



March always feels like a threshold month. Light has overtaken darkness, the soil is slowly warming, and what has been held in check all winter suddenly wants to move.

Buds are bursting, birdsong is now a constant backdrop rather than an occasional surprise, and there is a quiet urgency in everything that grows, flies or feeds.

Before long, I'll make my regular visit to the allotment, and March is when plans begin to turn into action. The first job is always to walk the plot, noticing what has come through the winter well and what hasn't. Beds can be tidied and prepared, weeds removed while they are still small, and compost or well rotted manure spread where crops will soon be planted.

This is a good time to sow under cover: tomatoes, chillies and aubergines on a warm windowsill. Broad beans and early peas can go in outdoors if conditions allow, and potatoes can be set out to chit. Fruit bushes benefit from a final tidy, and strawberries appreciate a feed as they wake up.

March on the allotment is about steady progress rather than rushing. Like the red kites overhead and the deer in the fields, we respond to the lengthening days and rising temperatures. The growing season is no longer a promise, it has begun.

Will Luff - From the Allotment

Seer Green CE School



I am delighted to share two exciting projects that have recently reached significant milestones and will transform the children's school experience, particularly during lunchtime.

The OPAL project is progressing exceptionally well. OPAL's ambition for us is to transform school's play culture by using natural and man-made loose parts resources, such as tyres, planks, and crates, and developing grounds to encourage exploration, creativity, and physical movement. We want children to have a fantastic playtime – every day.

By the end of February, we will introduce a wider range of activities for the children, including small sand pits, garden digging areas, Lego stations, car and small world figure play zones, and dress-up opportunities. Many thanks to our parents for their generous donations that have made this possible.

Looking ahead to the summer, we are planning to develop our wood and field areas to provide additional engaging activities. These will include den building, tree climbing, and installing swings, which will offer our pupils enriching outdoor experiences.

Another milestone we are celebrating is the confirmation of a supplier to build our kitchen-Bucks Garden Rooms - who have experience in both the consumer and education sector hope to start building in March. We anticipate the new kitchen will be operational during the summer term, and will be located near the Jubilee Hall. This development will enable us to provide hot meals, with evidence demonstrating the positive impact such nutrition can have on children's learning. Our heartfelt thanks go to the fundraising team and supportive parents who have contributed to this project.

These projects represent more than physical improvements; they are investments in our pupils' well-being and educational progress. I am genuinely excited to see how these developments will enhance our school environment and support our pupils' holistic development.

Laura Morel - head teacher

Jordans Picture House

Our 2026 programme continues and we look forward to welcoming you again!

Doors open at 6.45pm and the Programme starts at 7.30pm.



On Friday **March 13** we shall screen "Supernova".

Supernova (15)

Cast: Colin Firth; Stanley Tucci; Pippa Haywood.
Director: Harry Macqueen

Sam and Tusker are traveling across England in their old RV to visit friends, family and places from their past. Since Tusker was diagnosed with dementia two years ago, their time together is the most important thing they have. (Source IMDB)



On Friday **March 27** we shall screen "The Outrun".

The Outrun: (15) 2024

Cast: Saoirse Ronan; Pappa Essiedu; Nabil Elouahabi
Director: Nora Fingschiedt

Director: Campbell Scott & Stanley Tucci

After living life on the edge in London, Rona attempts to come to terms with her troubled past. Hoping to heal, she returns to the wild beauty of Scotland's Orkney Islands where she grew up. (Source IMDB)



How to buy or reserve tickets (£8.00)

Online: Go to www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk
See "Programme and Buying Tickets"

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alan@janetsealypartnership.com 01494 873205

Seer Green Box Office: Gill Pettman
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Jordans Picture House Committee



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 5 Mar 8pm	8 O'Clock Club – Searching for London's Lost History
Fri 13 Mar 2.30pm	SG Gardeners - AGM
Fri 13 Mar 6.45pm/7.30pm	JPH – Supernova
Sat 14 Mar 8.30am-1pm	Mothers' Day – Pop up Flower Stall
Sat 14 Mar 8.30am-3.30pm	Trinity Café – Mothers' Day Special
Sat 14 Mar	Jordans Village Performs – Piano Trio
Sat 21 Mar 3pm	J Biodiversity/Horticultural – Launch Gardening for Wildlife initiative
Tues 24 Mar 7pm/7.30pm	SG Gardeners – Talk by Timothy Walker "Spring in the Garden"
Fri 27 Mar 6.45pm/7.30pm	JPH – The Outrun
Fri 27 Mar 7pm/7.30pm	Rotary Club – Quiz Night
Sat 4 April 10am-3pm	Great Easter Egg Hunt – Start at Baptist Church
Sat 25 April 7pm-10.30pm	Jordans Village Hall Trust – Wine Tasting

ROTARY CLUB OF
JORDANS & DISTRICT

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

@ THE JUBILEE HALL, SEER GREEN, HP9 2QJ

DOOR OPEN AT 7PM, QUIZ AT 7.30PM

£20 PER HEAD, INCLUDING FISH & CHIP SUPPER

CARD/CASH LICENSED BAR

REGISTER YOUR TEAM OF 8 TODAY!

For booking or information contact Jenny Owen

owentoadhall@btinternet.com / 07707 386415

Please state any dietary requirements, eg vegetarian, on booking



8 O'Clock Club Programme

Why wasn't Britain invaded by Hitler during the 2nd World War, and if these islands had been invaded, what would have been the consequences? These were the questions posed by our speaker Tony Eaton.

The plan to invade Britain in 1940 was codenamed Operation Sea Lion. Key to the success of the plan, was that Hitler would be able to move his troops across the English Channel. Once on shore, troops would advance through Kent and Sussex and engage a large percentage of the British Army.

The intention was to split Britain into two zones: one in the South under German occupation and the rest under a British administration fronted by a British Politician. The key player in the German Operation was Franz Six whom would form six Death Squads, and from whom anyone deemed anti-Nazi and finding themselves listed in "The Black Book", would not be spared.

Six would have commandeered the full use of Britain's resources for German fighting troops, and more broadly, Britain's economy would have supported Germany. Britain would have been asset-stripped, with the systematic looting of heritage assets. All 17- 45 year-old able-bodied males would have been dispatched into forced labour for Hitler's war machine.

There were a number of factors as to why invasion never happened. The most practical was that Germany couldn't control Britain's skies, and this was essential for any hope of getting the German flotilla across the Channel. Without German air cover, Britain's great Navy would inflict carnage. Invasion was considered a last resort: Hitler was much more interested in the destruction of Soviet Russia. After the occupation of France it was anticipated that Britain would seek an Armistice, but despite the propaganda drops in Southern England and the London Blitz, any suggestion that these might increase the fear-factor, simply reinforced Britain's resolve.

Thursday March 5 at 8.00pm

Searching for London's Lost History by a Mudlark (*someone who scavenges the mud and banks of rivers, particularly the Thames in London, for valuable or interesting objects*). **Jason Sansby** - Mudlark

Seer Green Baptist Church; £4 (cash) includes tea/coffee. All welcome.

Monica Sado



Franz Six



Wine Tasting



Spaces are limited - reserve now!

07:00PM-10:30PM

25.04.26

JVHT and Laithwaites present a curated tasting of 6 wines (3 red, 3 white) with paired charcuterie boards.

Tickets £25

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/jordans-village-hall-trust/wine-tasting/2026-04-25/19:00/t-njornga>



JORDANS VILLAGE HALL

Jordans Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Jordans Village Hall Trust held an AGM and question and answer session on Monday 26 January.

This was extremely well attended and the Trustees are very grateful to all who turned out on a cold and damp Monday evening. The enthusiasm for the venture to build a new **Jordans Village Hall** - a hall for both our villages of Jordans and Seer Green to use and enjoy, was paramount.

Two issues dominated the proceedings the first being the declining state of our present Village Hall and planning permission now granted the motivation to proceed with some urgency is strong.

The design is in place but the funds are not.

We are actively looking for people in our villages with time to allocate to source funds though applying for recognised grants bodies, approaching the list of individuals who we feel will be motivated to financially support our project and to promote fund raising events within our communities and beyond.

If you feel energised to support the impending build, the most exciting venture our villages have seen for a very long time, with your time as well as enthusiasm please approach the **JVHT Fundraising Committee**

on 0795 686 5423 or via email gordon@hamme.co.uk if simply, without commitment, to hear more about what you might be up for taking on. Undoubtedly exciting, fulfilling and moreover rewarding when perhaps during 2028 the build can begin.

JVHT Fundraising Committee

A Hall for All! The momentum behind the JVHT fundraising effort is gathering pace. The award of Planning Permission and the encouraging progress toward securing a lease from JVL have given the project real lift — and the fantastic support shown by the JVL representatives at our AGM was genuinely inspiring. Their enthusiasm and clear commitment to the Village Hall project left us all energised and optimistic about the road ahead. Let's celebrate this turning point together at our Wine Tasting Event on **April 25**. The details are in the poster, and we can't wait to raise a glass with you.

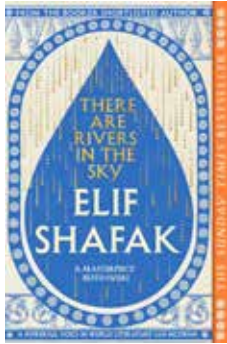
Kim

A COMMUNITY HALL FOR US ALL

Thank you all,

Ali Cork - Chair JVHT

Janet's book reviews



There are rivers in the sky – Elif Shafak

A literary novel from this wonderful author follows a single drop of water as it travels across centuries and continents, linking three seemingly disparate lives.

The novel begins in ancient Nineveh, where King Ashurbanipal, a learned yet ruthless ruler, constructs a grand library. Amidst its ruins, the Epic of Gilgamesh emerges, influencing lives centuries apart.

In 1840 London, Arthur, born into poverty by the polluted Thames, discovers a lifeline through his exceptional memory and a fascination with Mesopotamian artefacts. Fast forward to 2014 Turkey, Narin, a Yazidi girl facing impending deafness, embarks on a perilous journey to a sacred temple. Lastly, in 2018 London, Zaleekah, a hydrologist reeling from a divorce, finds solace and purpose through a book about her homeland.

I learnt a lot reading this novel, but I haven't yet read Gilgamesh!

One for literary fiction readers and bookclubs



The Correspondent – Virginia Evans

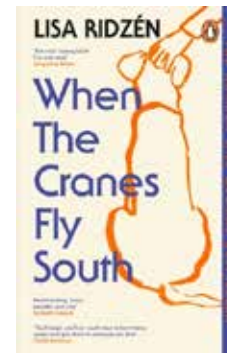
This debut novel has become a “word-of-mouth sensation,” and it's easy to see why.

The story is told entirely through letters and emails, from and to Sybil van Antwerp. Sybil is a sharp-witted, cantankerous, opinionated, mature woman who isn't afraid to speak her mind. Through her letters, we watch her navigate everything from complex family secrets and long-held regrets to local dramas with the gardening society as well as an insight into her unexpected romantic relationships!

The developing vulnerability as she opens up and seeks understanding for some of her past actions is beautifully crafted.

A heartwarming tale of reflection and introspection and that it is never too late to seek forgiveness and more importantly to forgive oneself.

I read this over 2 days as I became engrossed very quickly. Not too challenging – a welcome escape during these current difficult times.



When The Cranes Fly South – Lisa Rizden

I read this book last year and loved it but was worried that it was a bit sad to recommend. It's had a lot of publicity recently because it's a beautiful book, well worth reading, so here we go!

The story follows 89-year-old Bo, a stubborn, sharp-witted man living in rural northern Sweden. His body is slowing down, but his spirit is digging in its heels. The real heart of the book is Bo's relationship with his loyal elkhound, Sixten. When his son, Hans, starts suggesting it's time to rehome the dog because Bo can't keep up with him, it kicks off a beautiful, quiet battle for independence.

What makes this so special is how it's written. Clinical, slightly detached notes from Bo's rotating team of home carers at the start of chapters, are then brilliantly contrasted with Bo's rich, emotional inner world as he “talks” to his wife, Fredrika, who is living with dementia in a care home.

I can't pretend it's not an emotional read, but if you're up for it, definitely one to go for (with some tissues).

Janet Stewart

Amersham Museum - Talk and exhibition viewing

Wednesday **11 March**, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, talk starts at 7pm

£13 including a glass of wine or soft drink.

To tie in with our new temporary exhibition, join local historian Alison Bailey for an illustrated talk that explores the diverse communities that have called Amersham home. From 'aliens' required to pay tax in the 15th century, to recent refugees from war-torn countries, Amersham and the surrounding area has a long history in welcoming people from all backgrounds.

Our Destination

Amersham exhibition will be open before and after the talk. Enjoy our

story tree created by artist Harsha Basu with people from the local community, alongside objects and photographs from the museum's collection that provide an insight into the many and varied origins of Amersham's residents.



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The Editors



Rhubarb Gin and Roasted Rosemary Nuts

With rhubarb available in Spring, it's time to make a delicious gin for when the weather warms and you want to sit outside. This beautiful pink gin recipe can be accompanied by some homemade rosemary roasted nuts.

Rhubarb Gin

Ingredients

- 800g rhubarb stalks, washed and trimmed
- 300g granulated sugar
- 700ml gin

Method

Cut the rhubarb into 1-inch (2.5cm) pieces and place in a large glass jar/ container (big enough to hold all the ingredients) with a lid.

- Add the sugar and stir well, cover. Leave for 24 hours.
- Add the gin and stir once more. Cover tightly.
- Leave in a cool, dark place for 4 weeks. Stir gently each week.
- Drain the now pink gin through a sieve and discard the rhubarb.
- Pour the gin into a bottle and label.
- Drink responsibly with a mixer of your choice.

Rosemary Roasted Nuts

Ingredients

- 250g mixed nuts
- 30ml (2 Tbsp) olive oil
- 10ml (2 tsp) salt flakes
- 30ml (2 Tbsp) fresh rosemary, chopped
- 5ml (1 tsp) smoked paprika (optional)

Method

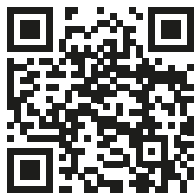
- Preheat the oven to 175C Fan.
- In a bowl mix all the ingredients together, making sure they are well coated.
- Spread the nuts on a large baking tray and roast for 10-12 minutes. Stirring halfway.
- Allow to cool before serving.



Helen Lindsey-Clark

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